

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 1 is a schematic view for explaining a method of measuring volume resistivity;
and

Please replace the following paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 20 of page 7:

Fig. 2 is a flow diagram showing an exemplary image forming ~~method~~method; and

Please replace the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 21 of page 7:

Fig. 3 is an apparatus that can perform the exemplary image method of Fig. 2.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention resides in an image forming method as shown in Fig. 2 comprising a charging step 21 of charging the surface of a latent image holding member 31, a latent image forming step 22 of forming an electrostatic latent image on the surface of the latent image holding member, a developing step 23 of forming a toner image from the electrostatic latent image by using a developer 32, a transfer step 24 of transferring the toner image formed on the surface of the latent image holding member to the surface of a receiving member 33, a fixing step 25 of heat fixing the toner image transferred to the receiving member using a fixer 34, and a cleaning step 26 of removing remaining toner on the surface of the latent image holding member using a cleaning device 35, wherein the remaining toner recovered in the cleaning step is reused as recycled toner and the ratio of the recycled toner to the total amount of supply toner supplied to the developer is 15% by weight or greater.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Also, the presence of abundant toner at the cleaning part stabilizes cleaning characteristics. Since the latent image holding member 31 is rubbed by the cleaning blade 36 to scrape off the remaining toner in the blade cleaning as described above, the edge of the cleaning blade is deformed by the frictional resistance between the latent image holding member and the cleaning blade to form a small wedge-like space (micro tuck-under part). A toner particle penetrating into the micro tuck-under part tends not to be replaced by another and forms a non-flowing region. In fact, the presence of the non-flowing region is important for the blade cleaning and the non-flowing region actually functions so as to scrape off toner.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the invention, the timing of formation of the toner band on the surface of the photoreceptor is controlled by a controller 37 in the above manner and the formed toner band is removed by an elastic cleaning blade formed of elastic material, whereby the ratio of the recycled toner to the supply toner can be kept at the specified level as described above. Along with this, a stress applied to toner can be decreased and a change in toner structure can be decreased. Also, defects caused by the pollution of a photoreceptor such as a “white spot” phenomenon in which image density decreases and an “image running” phenomenon in which character images are blurred, and further, wear and damages can be suppressed, and good cleaning ability can be ensured.